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SUBJ: NEW USSRAUSTRIAN NATURAL GAS AGREEMENT

1. TASS ECONOMIC NEWSLETTER OF AUGUST 26 REPORTED THAT USSR AND AUSTRIA HAVE SIGNED AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH USSR WILL SUPPLY AN ADDITIONAL 500 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF NATURAL GAS ANNUALLY IN PERIOD 1978-2000. AUSTRIA WILL PROVIDE USSR WITH 300,000 TONS OF PIPE AND EQUIPMENT FOR GAS PIPELINES DURING 1976-80 TO BE COVERED BY A NINE-YEAR AUSTRIAN 200 MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT. THE GAS DELIVERIES ACTUALLY WILL REPAY THE CREDIT WITHIN SIX-ONE-HALF YEARS.

2. COMMENT - THE NEW AGREEMENT IS THIRD SUCH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT INVOLVING EXCHANGE OF GAS FOR PIPE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. AUSTRIAN EMBASSY DID NOT YET HAVE DETAILS ON PRICE OF GAS OR INTEREST RATE ON CREDIT BUT WILL PROVIDE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. FOR EMBASSY VIENNA: HAVE LOCAL SOURCES PROVIDED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AGREEMENT?

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